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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 909**

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

February 26, 2009

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An act to amend ~~Section 21453~~ *Sections 21453 and 42001.15* of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 909, as amended, Hill. Vehicles: right turn violations.

Existing law requires a driver facing a steady circular red signal alone to stop at a marked limit line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection, and to remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown, except as specified. *A violation of this provision is an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.*

*This bill would instead require that a violation of this provision for a right turn violation is punishable by a fine of \$35.*

~~Existing law also authorizes, except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a driver, facing a steady circular red signal who has stopped as required pursuant to the above provisions, to turn right or turn left from a one-way street onto a one-way street provided the driver yields the right-of-way, as specified.~~

~~This bill would revise these provisions to allow a driver to turn right or turn left, as specified above, without having to stop at a marked limit line, or if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the~~

intersection, or, if none, then before entering the intersection and without an indication to proceed having to be shown.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 21453 of the Vehicle Code is amended to*  
2     *read:*  
3     21453. (a) (1) A driver facing a steady circular red signal  
4     alone shall stop at a marked limit line, but if none, ~~before entering~~  
5     ~~the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then~~  
6     before entering the intersection, and shall remain stopped until an  
7     indication to proceed is shown, except as provided in subdivision  
8     (b).  
9     (2) *A driver facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop*  
10    *at a marked limit line, but if none, then before entering the*  
11    *crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, and shall remain*  
12    *stopped until an indication to proceed is shown, except as provided*  
13    *in subdivision (b).*  
14    (b) (1) Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a  
15    driver, after stopping as required by subdivision (a), facing a steady  
16    circular red signal, ~~may turn right, or turn left do either of the~~  
17    *following:*  
18    (A) *Turn right.*  
19    (B) *Turn left from a one-way street onto a one-way street.* ~~A~~  
20    (2) A driver making ~~that the turn in subparagraph (A) or (B)~~  
21    shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an  
22    adjacent crosswalk and to any vehicle that has approached or is  
23    approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard to the  
24    driver, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to that vehicle  
25    until the driver can proceed with reasonable safety.  
26    (c) A driver facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the  
27    intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and,  
28    unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by  
29    another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked limit line, but if none,  
30    before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection,  
31    or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain  
32    stopped until an indication permitting movement is shown.

(d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in Section 21456, a pedestrian facing a steady circular red or red arrow signal shall not enter the roadway.

SEC. 2. Section 42001.15 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

42001.15. (a) Every person convicted of an infraction for a violation of *paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or subdivision (c) of Section 21453, subdivision (c) of Section 21454, or subdivision (a) of Section 21457* shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

(b) *Every person convicted of an infraction for a violation of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 21453 for right turn violations shall be punished by a fine of thirty-five dollars (\$35).*

SECTION 1. ~~Section 21453 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:~~

~~21453. (a) A driver facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at an intersection or at a marked limit line before proceeding through the intersection, and shall remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown.~~

~~(b) Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a driver, facing a steady circular red signal, may turn right, or turn left from a one-way street onto a one-way street. A driver making that turn shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to any vehicle that has approached or is approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard to the driver, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to that vehicle until the driver can proceed with reasonable safety.~~

~~(c) A driver facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked limit line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain stopped until an indication permitting movement is shown.~~

~~(d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in Section 21456, a pedestrian facing a steady circular red or red arrow signal shall not enter the roadway.~~